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POETRY.

From the Newark Post.

THE COON HUNT.

"Twas on a clear and cloudless night
When moon and stars were shining bright,
That, on a limb, "the same old coon,"
Was humming to himself this tune:
Get out the way, you're all unlucky;
Clear the track for old Kentucky;
Get out the way, you're all unlucky;
Clear the track for old Kentucky.

Scarce had he closed his churlish song,
When, wandering through the woods along,
A hunter came from Tennessee,
And Pokken the coon down from the tree.
Go home, said he, to old Kentucky,
And clear the track for one more lucky;
Go home, go home, to old Kentucky,
And clear the way for one more lucky.

That same old coon was loth to go,
And in his eyes stood tears of woe;
But then it clearly was a joke,
The words of that young hunter, Pokken:
Go home, go home, to old Kentucky,
And clear the way for one more lucky;
Go home, go home, to old Kentucky,
And clear the way for one more lucky.

The coon, he growled and shook his tail,
And started like a sulky snail;
But Hickory Pokken the beast along,
And cheered him up with this same song:
Get out the way, you're all unlucky;
Clear the track for old Kentucky;
Get out the way, you're all unlucky;
Clear the track for old Kentucky.

TO CHILDREN.

Sweet things! best things! to look on you,
Eyes that are in their wane
Grow bright—and hearts at ebb of age
Fill with life's tide again.

And you not age nor death should touch
If human love might save;
But stronger is the love that blights
And gathers to the grave.

We know that you the angels love—
(They love all gentle things.)
And often o'er you fondly stoop
And spread their winged wings.

And tenderly their starry eyes
Watch you by night and day,
And sweetly as they smile on you,
So you on us, away.

And oh! should He who smiles on all,
And loves both young and old—
Should the dear Shepherd take his lambs,
And bear them to his fold.

Should He who gave these buds of love—
Who gives and maketh form—
Leave us like withered stems till eve,
And take them in the morn.

We still, oh God! would trust his love,
Who once, in form like them,
Slept on a woman's yearning breast,
A babe in Bethlehem.

Who writes, in flowers, upon the earth,
And stars in heav'n above,
And smiles and tears, in human souls,
Blessed characters of love.

Who Hope hath given to Death—as dawn
To thickest dark he gave;
And caused that still the new year's flowers
Grow on the old year's grave.

Who joy can bring from grief, as calm
Succeeds the wind's fierce war—
As winter's tears bring summer leaves,
And night the joy of stars!

Who from these children's steps, the thorns
Of grief and doubt, and care,
Can kindly take—or for their peace
As kindly plant them there.

Through regions sad with weeping storms,
Dark woods, and towering hills;
Or valley bright as angel dreams,
Can guide them on their will.

And lead them on in peace, with joy
And singing on their way;
Till at the last, their shining path
Is lost in perfect day.

'Tis this what I call cutting one's best friends;
said the hog to the butcher. 'I was only trying
to find where you live,' replied the knife.

There is a cobbler in London over whose door
is the following notice:
"Shew's Maid, and Men-dead here."

Agriculture is the most ancient, the most hon-
orable, and the most useful of the arts.

A goose is called a very stupid bird, yet she
furnishes pens that enlighten mankind.

An elephant bred to war stands firm against a
volley of musketry, and thirty bullets in his flesh
will not kill him.

Those who possess any real excellence, think
and say the least about it.

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE

TREASURER OF STATE.

The Report of the Treasurer exhibits the op-
erations of the Treasury the past year, and its
present fiscal condition, as follows:

Balance of cash in the Treasury,
January 1, 1844. \$338,595 88
Amount received during 1844, 366,885 01

Balance in the Treasury, Dec. 31,
1844. \$302,422 24

The principal items of disbursements during
1844, were the following:

Military purposes, \$1,413 87
Militia pensions, 1,764 00
Postage, 1,064 95
Deaf, dumb and blind, 4,970 01

Contingent fund of governor and
council, 5,231 33
Miscellaneous items, 2,186 67
Penobscot Indian fund, 3,644 11

Agricultural societies, 1,772 00
Pay roll of Council, 1,805 20
Senate, 2,500 00
House, 6,490 50

Binding and stitching, 26,424 00
Printing, 500 00
Clerks, 1,051 00

Inspectors of State Prison, 2,600 00
Commissioners under resolve of March
3, 1832, 1,015 37

State Prison, 2,250 00
Subordinate officers of State Prison, 5,400 00
Valuation clerks, 4,200 00

Indian annuities, 1,201 00
Stationery, 1,500 00
Contingent fund of Treasurer, 1,000 00

School fund, No. 11, 27,194 74
Salaries, 21,462 29
Roll of accounts, No. 25, 23,412 52

County taxes, 10,002 94
Interest, 97,886 68
Canada road, 300 00

Costs in criminal prosecutions, 16,036 46
Military road, 3,319 17
Agent for settling claims against the
United States, 2,000 00

The remaining items amount to
\$250,057 93

The aggregate is
\$250,057 93

The amount of the principal of the
public debt extinguished during
the year, was \$72,500 00

The items of the receipts of the Treasury dur-
ing 1844, are as follows:—

From Land Agent, \$92,151 03
Permanent School fund, 15,307 53
Miscellaneous items, 3,123 60

Duty on commissions, 1,870 00
State tax, 1840, 72 08
" 1841, 238 48

" 1842, 2,305 92
" 1843, 190,557 54
" 1844, 20,207 37

Penobscot Indian fund, 95 00
School fund, No. 12, 26,131 88
Bank dividends, 550 00

Bank stock, 3,309 00
Interest on deposits, 4,624 54
County taxes, 6,808 26

Interest, 423 04
\$368,090 65

The resources of the state are as follows:—
Cash in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1845, \$302,422 24
Balance due on State taxes, prin-
cipally for 1844, 137,815 07

Balance of County taxes, 19,886 29
Securities in Land office, 217,743 88
Notes in the Treasury office, 10,936 77

100 shares in Augusta Bank, 10,000 00
\$707,854 23

The State, also, has unadjusted claims against
the United States, by virtue of the boundary
treaty, etc.

The liabilities of the State are as follows:—
Funded debt of the State, \$1,530,931 22
Penobscot Indian fund, 60,249 61

Permanent School fund, 57,629 51
Balance due on rolls of accounts, 248 11
Balance due on School funds, 416 81

Interest due, uncalled for, 5,504 00
Warrants unpaid, 5,125 63
Due for County taxes, 11,692 75

Contingent fund of Treasurer

Printing, 1,000 00

Subordinate officers of State Prison, 5,000 00

Contingent fund of Secretary, 150 00

Bank Commissioners, 600 00

Indian annuities, 1,500 00

Reports of Judicial decisions, 1,000 00

Miscellaneous items, 2,500 00

Balance due on School funds, 416 81

Balance due on Rolls of Accounts, 548 11

School fund No. 12, 26,131 88

Warrants unpaid, 5,125 63

Roads, 1,000 00

Binding and stitching, 800 00

Bounty on silk, 100 00

Bounty on animals, 2,000 00

Militia pensions, 2,000 00

Military purposes, 1,500 00

Sheriffs and Coroners, 800 00

The estimated receipts for 1845, are as fol-
lows:—

Cash in the Treasury January
1, 1845, \$392,422 24
State tax (balances) for 1840, '42,
'43 and '44, 137,815 07

County taxes (balances) for 1836,
'40, '41, '42, '43 and '44, 19,884 29

Land office, 60,000 00
Bank tax, 26,090 00
Duty on commissions, 1,500 00

Bank dividends, 600 00
Notes receivable in the Treasury
office, 2,110 67

\$640,424 27

The amount paid during 1844, for claims
prior to that period, was \$21,177 09.

Of the \$433,721 52 received from the United
States in 1843, under the Treaty of Washington,
there has been expended in the purchase of the
stock of the State, agreeably to the Resolve of
Jan. 22, 1844, the sum of \$75,176 36,—\$75,-
500 00 of which being paid by way of principal
and interest, and \$2,576 36 by way of premium.

There has been paid, prior to the passage of the
foregoing resolves the sum of \$61,031 45,—
which added together, amount to the sum of
\$137,107 81 leaving an unexpended balance now
in the treasury, of the treaty money, (specially
appropriated towards the extinguishment of the
public debt) of \$296,623 71.

Of the public debt,
there will fall due at different periods during the
year 1845, the sum of \$222,146 22, to the ex-
tinguishment of which will be applied so much of
treasury money remaining in the treasury, as is
necessary for that purpose, after which there will
still remain a balance of \$74,467 49.

In allusion to the causes of the failure to invest
the whole sum set apart for the purchase of the
stock of the State, the Treasurer says:—

"Maine stock for a year or two past, has sel-
dom been offered in the market. It seems to be
retained by holders as a permanent investment,
and whenever it has been sold it has commanded
high premium. To have obtained a greater a-
mount of stock during the past year, would
have been gratifying, yet one can hardly
regret the cause which has prevented it although
by delay in applying the surplus funds remaining
in the treasury towards the extinguishment of an
equal amount of the principal of her debt, a trifling
temporary loss may ensue to the state in the
accumulation of interest, still that is a minor
consideration in comparison with the importance
of a firmly established credit."

As a permanent measure to prevent the depre-
ciation of the stock of this State, the Report rec-
ommends advance appropriations for their pur-
chase, when holders choose to surrender their
certificates before they fall due.

Looking to the ultimate extinguishment of the
public debt of the State, which after the payment
of what falls due the present year, will amount to
the sum of \$1,368,785, bearing an annual inter-
est of \$89,512 10, the Treasurer enters into some
calculations, showing, that by annual appropri-
ations of the sum of \$130,000 to that object, the
whole might be cancelled on a period somewhat
short of 16 years. On this subject he remarks:

"That in order to liquidate a debt of \$1,300,-
000 bearing interest at the rate of six per cent
per annum, by a fixed yearly instalment, it would
require \$130,000 to be paid annually for fifteen
years to meet both principal and interest, and
there would remain unpaid at the expiration of
the term about \$90,000.

And adds:—From that it would seem, that
the debt of this state might be nearly or quite
paid off and discharged, by an annual appropria-
tion exceeding a very little the sum of \$130,000,
in the course of fifteen years; and it is a subject
worthy of consideration, whether it is not the
policy of government to adopt measures for the
purpose of relieving the people from the annual
draft made upon their treasury for the pay-
ment of the interest yearly accruing on its indebt-
edness: for if it would be deemed unwise and
impolitic for the state to contract a debt payable
at the expiration of a century, at the low rate of
three per cent per annum, much more evident
than it would seem, would be the impolicy of
prejudging a debt bearing annual interest of six
per cent to burden the resources and energies of
the people for an unlimited time, thereby making
it virtually perpetual.

On account of the change of the next annual
meeting of the Legislature to the second Wednes-
day of May 1846, instead of January, a further
estimate of expenditures to cover that period,
was found to be necessary. The items are as
follows:

Council, \$1,000 00

Interest, 65,000 00

Salaries, 6,000 00

Clerks, 1,200 00

Contingent fund of governor and
council, 2,000 00

Penobscot Indian fund, 1,500 00

Stationery, 400 00

Printing, 1,000 00

Deaf dumb and blind, 2,000 00

Contingent fund of secretary, 50 00

Postage, 250 00

Cost of criminal prosecution, 5,000 00

Public debt, 250 00

Militia pensions, 1,500 00

Subordinate officers of State prison, 1,200 00

Trustees insane hospital, 200 00

\$89,800 00

A satisfactory estimate of the receipts of the
treasury for a like portion of the year 1846, can-
not now be made. What amount shall be, rests
with the action of the Legislature. A state tax
is the only source which can be safely relied
upon, and that remains to be assessed. The usual
mode of proceeding in regard to a state tax
suggests the necessity of having two legislative
acts of assessment passed at the present session.

To delay making provision for a state tax for the
year 1846, until the month of May of that year,
would subject towns to inconvenience, if not addi-
tional expense.

In relation to the residue of the claim of the
State against the General Government, the Re-
port says:—

"The expectation, which was entertained at
the commencement of the year, that a further
sum would be received into the treasury on the
claims of the state under the late treaty, has been
disappointed. The settlement of those claims is
in progress, but when it will be completed is yet
uncertain.

The Treasurer alludes to the fact that there
remains in the U. S. Treasury upwards of \$17,-
000, apportioned to this State under the distribu-
tion act; but omits to include it in his estimate
as the requisite authority for its reception has
not been conferred by the legislature.

In support of the policy of continuing the
present State tax, the Report concludes with the
following sound suggestions:—

It may appear to some at first, on looking at
the present balance in the treasury, that there is
not sufficient reason for continuing the usual state
tax, as heretofore, but the necessity of such a tax
will on examination, be evident to every one.

The land agent has paid into the treasury during
the past year \$107,453 55, and that amount has
been included in the balance of cash; and the
state, as will be seen by the account, is made
the debtor to the permanent school fund in the
sum of 15,307 53, which is a part of the fore-
going receipts from the land agent.

Any one, who may think it will be wise or pol-
itic to dispend with a state tax by reason of the
present apparent prosperous condition of the
treasury, on recurring to the year 1836, and re-
viewing the policy then adopted and for several
years pursued will be convinced of the inexpe-
diency of such a change.

In 1835 there was paid into the treasury by the
land agent 133,567 55, and there was then a
change of policy as it is supposed on that ac-
count. But the total amount of revenue from
that source for the next five years, exclusive of
the permanent school fund, was only \$93 607 93.

All experience confirms the opinion that there
should be an annual assessment, sufficient to
meet the ordinary expenditures of government;
and on a careful estimate it will be found that
\$20,000, at least, is required for that purpose.

WOMAN

IN HER TRUE CHARACTER.

A woman must be adorned by domestic habits.
These are two fold; a fondness for home and a
qualification to discharge the duties of the house-
hold. These duties may be allowed to be neces-
sary, but some will doubt whether they form any
part of the ornament of a lady. This is one in-
stance in which the present age has egregiously
erred, and in which a sickly and corrupt fashion
has inverted an ancient and healthful custom, and
the very laws of the family circle have given place
to a miserable suspension of its most indispensa-
ble duties. It is held derogatory to the style of
a lady to be domestic, and an indignant blush and
a scornful cant will show that she wishes not to
be considered as taking any part in the work of
ordering of the family. It is in this respect that
female education has one of its greatest defects,
and woman has dropped one of her richest plumes
to insert in its place an artificial flower; or con-
descending to sing as a mocking-bird, or flutter
as a butterfly, rather than to maintain the true
dignity and usefulness of her sex. Every con-
ceivable reason refutes this folly. Her nature, her
happiness, her health, her interest, all make home
her place, and its repudiated occupations imperi-
ous. But, in these days, a little beauty a little
money, and a little pride, are sufficient to cancel
all these obligations, and remit forever the most
sacred lessons both of religion and experience.
God's word requires the sex to be keepers at
home. And it is no recommendation of the fair
to sustain this character? Nothing in their praise
Home is the empire the throne of woman.

Home is the empire the throne of woman. Here
she reigns in the legitimate power of all her
enlightened charms. She is the luminary which en-
lightens, and the talisman which endears it. It is
she who makes 'home, sweet home,' who makes
restless and wandering man, each domestic en-
closure an Eden, and herself the best representa-
tion of an fallen Eve; whose assiduous and smiles
make the very flowers look gay, and the fruits
taste delicious. Could you desire to witness a

more interesting spectacle, than a lady, with ev-
ery other accomplishment, occupied with the wel-
fare of her family, anticipating and dividing their
duties, equally capable of entertaining in the par-
lor, and managing in the kitchen? What poetic
description has ever surpassed the scene of the
same lady at her own table, distributing to her
guests draughts of exhilarating beverage, made
more luxurious by the smiles and the graces which
despatched them?

Inspiration has given the best description of a
woman adorned with domestic habits. Her price
is far above rubies. The heart of her husband
loves safely trust in her, so that he shall have no
need of spoil. She will do him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life. She seeketh wool,
and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

She is like the merchant's ships, she bringeth her
food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet
night, and giveth meat to her household, and a
portion to her maidens. She considereth a field,
and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she
planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with
strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She per-
ceiveth that her merchandize is good; her can-
dle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands
to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household;
for all her household are clothed with scarlet.—
she maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her
clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is
known in the gates, when he sitteth among the
elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and
selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the mer-
chant. Strength and honor are her clothing; and
she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth
her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the
law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways
of her household, and eateth not the bread of idles-
ness. Many daughters have done virtuously, but
thou excellest them all.

CONSTRUCTION OF ORDERS.

We translate the following (says brother Chat-
ler) from a French paper, as a warning:

Pierre had been ordered on guard at the first
gate of the Tuilleries, but he did not obey orders
with sufficient care, and the report to the com-
mandant of the post set forth divers infractions
of the rule. On being arraigned, this conversation
ensued:—

President—You have not obeyed orders.

Pierre—Beg pardon, but I obeyed them to the
letter.

President—You were guilty of strange extrava-
gances.

Pierre—Extravagances! I am astonished at
that charge: it takes me quite by surprise. I
thought I had never failed in politeness.

President—Now!

Accuser—Quite the contrary.

Pierre—When I was placed on guard as a sen-
tinel, the orders were to be careful to "present
arms to all who had right to honors," and they
placed me opposite a door in Rivoli street. The
first time, I presented arms to my wife, [laugh]
and I crossed the street to do it in true military
style. [General laugh.]

President—Sentinels are not allowed to cross
the street.

Pierre—I had to salute where it was due. A
few minutes afterwards my oldest child, who had
a severe cold, wiped his nose on my equalette.—
[Laugh.] I spanked him soundly. I was to pre-
sent arms to all who had a right to the honor.—
After the accomplishment of that duty I was, as
a sentinel always on the watch, from the nail hit
the shoes, to the aiguillette on the breast; and
when I saw my old aunt Barbara, I threw myself
into her arms, with musket, knapsack, and cari-
dage-box.

President—The sentinel is not allowed to em-
brace his relatives while on duty.

Pierre—They had given me positive orders to
pay honor to all to whom they were due. My
aunt, whose hair I am to be sure, I ought to
tender all honors to her.

President—I speak of military honors.

Pierre—She was entitled to them. Her hus-
band was door-keeper of a church. [Laugh.]
The soldier of the National Guard was con-
demned to a reprimand for being too polite.

"Louder!" A colored man lately went to
the post-office, and putting his nose close up to
delivery box, cried out "Louder!" The clerk
supposing the negro to be deaf, and that he was
making a request of him to speak louder, so that
he could hear, asked him in a very loud tone, the
name of the person for whom he wanted the let-
ter.

"Louder!" cried the negro.

"What name?" yelled the clerk.

"Louder!" again bawled the negro, who now
supposed the clerk to be deaf.

"The clerk took a long breath, and with all his
might again bellowed out in the negro's face the
same question—"What name?" This was done
in so loud a tone, that the echo seemed to return
from the far off hills.

The negro started back, in alarm, shouting to
the very top of his big lungs, "Louder, sir!
Louder, I told you Louder! My name is nothing
else!"

"Oh, ah! oh, ho!" said the clerk, "your
name is Louder, eh? Didn't think of that—

